

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

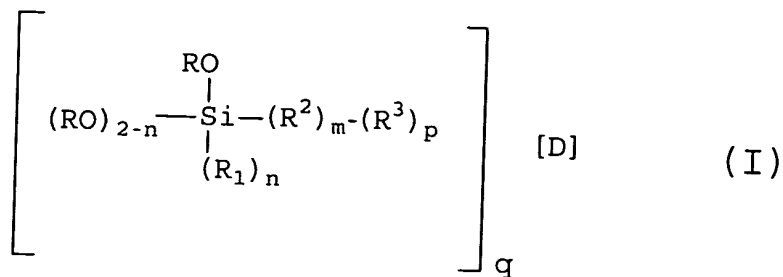
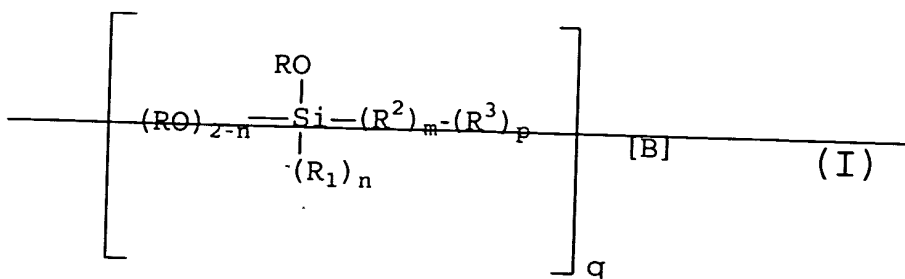
Please replace the abstract with the abstract that is attached to the back of this response.

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION:

At page 4, line 11, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The invention includes the following disclosures.

(1) A rubber composition for extrusion comprising 100 weight parts of ethylene / α -olefin / non-conjugated polyene copolymer rubber (A) composed of ethylene, α -olefin having carbon atoms of 3 - 20 and non-conjugated polyene, and at least 30 - 300 weight parts of carbon black (B) and 1.0×10^{-5} - 5.0×10^{-3} mol of alkoxysilane compound (C) shown by the following formula (I):

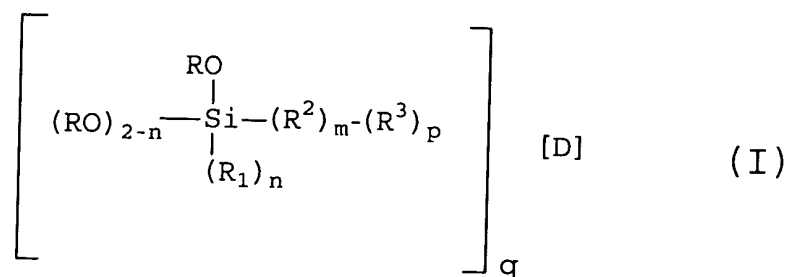
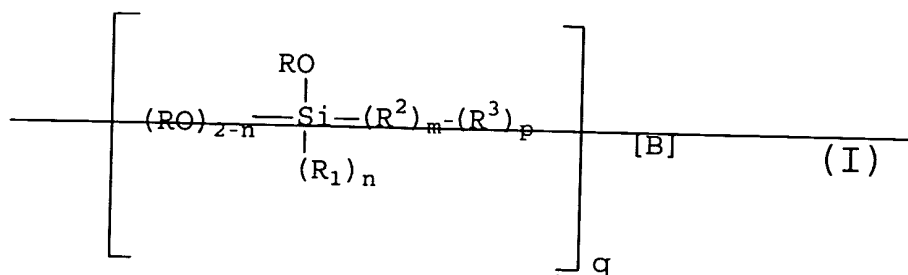


wherein, R is an alkyl group having carbon atoms of 1 - 4 or an alkoxy group having carbon atoms of 1 - 4, R^1 is an alkyl group having carbon atoms of 1 - 4 or phenyl group, n is 0, 1 or 2, R^2 is a bivalence of linear or branched hydrocarbon group having carbon atoms of 1 - 6, R^3 is an arylene group having carbon atoms of 6 - 12, m and p are 0 or 1 respectively, and m and p are not 0 at a same time, q is 1 or 2, B D is -SCN or -SH when q is 1, and -Sx- when q is 2 (wherein x is an integer of 2-8).

At page 6, line 10, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

(10) A rubber composition for molding comprising 100 weight parts of an ethylene / α -olefin / non-conjugated polyene

copolymer rubber (A) composed of ethylene, α -olefin having carbon atoms of 3-20 and non-conjugated polyene, and at least 30 - 300 weight parts of carbon black (B) and 1.0×10^{-5} - 5.0×10^{-3} mol of alkoxysilane compound (C) shown by the following formula (I):



wherein, R is an alkyl group having carbon atoms of 1 - 4 or an alkoxy group having carbon atoms of 1 - 4, R^1 is an alkyl group having carbon atoms of 1 - 4 or phenyl group, n is 0, 1 or 2, R^2 is a bivalence of linear or branched hydrocarbon group having carbon atoms of 1 - 6, R^3 is an arylene group having carbon atoms of 6 - 12, m and p are 0 or 1 respectively, and m and p are not 0 at a same time, q is 1 or 2, B D is -SCN or -SH when q is 1, and -Sx- when q ~~is~~ is 2 (wherein x is an integer of 2-8).

At page 12, line 20, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

In the formula (I) described above, alkyl group having carbon atoms of 1-4 shown as R or R¹ includes, for example, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl and tert-butyl. Alkoxy group having carbon atoms of 1-4 shown as R includes, for example, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, n-butoxy, isobutoxy, sec-butoxy and tert-butoxy. Linear or branched bivalent hydrocarbon group having carbon atoms of 1-6 shown as R² includes, for example, alkylene group such as methylene, dimethylmethylene, ethylene, dimethylethylene, trimethylene, tetramethylene, 1,2-cyclohexylene and ~~1,4-cyclohexylene~~ 1,4-cyclohexylene; alkylidene group such as cyclohexylidene; arylalkylene group such as diphenylmethylene and diphenylethylene. Arylene group having carbon atoms of 6-12 shown as R³ includes, for example, phenylene, naphthylene and biphenylene.

At page 13, line 20, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Typical examples of silica are fumed silica and precipitated silica and the like. These silica may be applied with surface treatment by reactive silane such as mercaptosilane, aminosilane, hexamethylsilazane

hexamethyldisilazane, chlorosilane and alkoxysilane or siloxane of low molecular weight.

At page 17, line 17, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

In using sulfur or sulfur compounds as vulcanization agents, combined use of vulcanization accelerators is preferable. Typical vulcanization accelerators include sulfenamide compounds such as N-cyclohexyl-2-benzothiazolesulfenamide (CBS), N-oxydiethylene glycol-2-benzothiazolesulfenamide (OBS), N-t-butyl-2-benzothiazolesulfenamide (BBS) and N,N -diisopropyl-2-benzothiazolesulfenamide; thiazole compounds such as 2-mercaptobenzothiazole (MBT), 2-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)mercaptobenzothiazole, 2-(4-morpholinodithio)benzothiazole, 2-(2,6-diethyl-4-morpholinothio)benzothiazole and dibenzothiazylidysulfide; guanidine compounds such as diphenylguanidine (DPG), triphenylguanidine, diorthotolylguanidine (DOTG), orthotolylbiguanide and diphenylguanidine phthalate; aldehyde amine or aldehyde-ammonium type compounds such as acetaldehyde-aniline condensed compounds, butylaldehyde-aniline condensed compounds, hexamethylenetetramine (H) and acetaldehyde ammonia; imidazoline compounds such as 2-mercaptoimidazoline; thiourea compounds such as thiocarbanilide, diethylthiourea (EUR),

dibutylthiourea, trimethylthiourea and diorthotolylthiourea; thiuram compounds such as tetramethylthiuram monosulfide (TMTM), tetramethylthiuram ~~diosulfide~~ disulfide (TMTD), tetraethylthiuram monosulfide, tetrabutylthiuram disulfide, tetrakis(2-ethylhexyl)thiuram ~~diosulfide~~ disulfide (TOT) and dipentamethylenetetraethiuram sulfide (TRA); salts of dithiocarbamic acid such as zinc dimethyldithiocarbamate, zinc diethyldithiocarbamate, zinc di-n-butylthiuram disulfide, zinc ethylphenyldithiocarbamate, zinc butylphenyldithiocarbamate, sodium dimethyldithiocarbamate, ~~Selenium~~ selenium dimethyldithiocarbamate and tellurium dimethyldithiocarbamate; xanthate such as zinc dibutylxanthate; compounds such as zinc white (zinc oxide); and the like. These vulcanization accelerators may generally be used at the ratio of 0.1-20 weight parts, preferably 0.2-10 weight parts per 100 weight parts of the copolymer rubber (A) described above.

At page 19, line 17, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

And the rubber composition for molding of the invention prepared as described above may be shaped suitably for a molding machine for molded products. Sheet-like compound is prepared using a roll, ~~-ete~~ etc. in advance for a compression molding and vulcanization machine. In an injection, ribbon-like compound is

sheeted out from a roll and stored until molding. In a transfer molding of cast sponge products, ~~bell-like~~ ball-like compound is prepared in advance. The compounds thus prepared may be vulcanized by heating at 140 - 270 °C for 1 - 30 min.